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Americana, Kentuckiana,
rare books.

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Columbus, Nebraska
Guns, modern and antique.

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3820 East 61st Street
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of Indiana

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Washington 25, D.C.
American History, Price
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Civil War Times
114 N. Stratton St.
Gettysburg, Pa.
Civil War Magazine

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Koors	Willmer
Link	Wittkemper
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In the name of God Amen.

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My prediction: you'll hear yourself chuckling aloud as you peruse the pages of this book, - which is recommended by

your still chuckling,
Cousin Book-Worm.

CORONA 6H

Claude F. Wyant
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NEW MEMBERS

Miss Bright I. Emmert
Mrs. Effie Denham
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Mr. Thomas Day
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Mrs. Floy Batterton
Mr. James H. Meyer
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Mr. Ivan L. Bailey
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AMENDMENTS

Up for second and final reading at the Dinner Meeting, December 1st, were three amendments to the Constitution. These were passed, unanimously, in a manner prescribed by the Constitution, and now become an integral part of it. Basically, these amendments provide that two additional officers be added, and that the number of regular meetings be reduced from six to four per year. See the November twenty-first issue of the BULLETIN for the exact wording.

Below is a tentative list of "Houses of Architectural Interest 1860-1900" selected in Greensburg, to be photographed for the Indiana Historical Society. The Y.M.C.A. Camera Club is cooperating on this project and at this time, has set up an organization of teams to go out and take these pictures. Co-Chairmen are Tom Beeson and Raymond Adams.

1. Frame	Will Espy	304 E. North St.
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6. Frame	Dowden home	120 W. North St.
7. Brick	Dorothy Doles	303 E. Central Ave.
8. Frame	Sam McDermit	138 E. First St.
9. Brick	Lester Hermann	413 N. Franklin St.
10. Brick	Chas. Johnston	446 E. Main St.

THE HISTORY CLUB OF SANDCREEK HIGH SCHOOL
R. 5, Greensburg, Indiana

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Dear Mr. Huber,

The Junior Historical Society of Decatur County has grown considerably since our organization meeting last fall. We now have eighteen members from four different schools in the county.

Our January meeting was held at the Clarksburg School with Mr. Grant Henderson speaking on the Indians of Decatur County.

The next meeting will be held at the Burney School at 7:30 PM, Monday, February 29th. At this time, we will discuss our Spring Pilgrimage.

We would be happy to have any adult members of the County Society attend our meetings.

Sincerely,
Sue Porter, Secretary

- DISTANCES -

Hope	18	Sardinia	18	Moscow	14
Milford	8	Alert	20	St. Paul	10
Hartsville	13	Millhousen	10	St. Omer	10
Newburg	11	Napoleon	12	Ewington	6
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Dear Reader:

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My prediction: you'll hear yourself chuckling aloud as you peruse the pages of this book, - which is recommended by

your still chuckling,
Cousin Book-Worm.

CORONACH

Claude F. Wyant
Elmira R. Evans

NEW MEMBERS

Miss Bright I. Emmert
Mrs. Effie Denham
Mrs. Grace Hause
Miss Victoria Woolverton
Mrs. James Shannon
Mr. Thomas Day
Mr. C. E. Loucks
Mrs. Floy Batterton
Mr. James H. Meyer
Mr. Lloyd Colee
Mr. Ivan L. Bailey
Mrs. V. T. Peek
Mrs. W. Lowell Hoyer
Mr. Paul Freeland

AMENDMENTS

Up for second and final reading at the Dinner Meeting, December 1st, were three amendments to the Constitution. These were passed, unanimously, in a manner prescribed by the Constitution, and now become an integral part of it. Basically, these amendments provide that two additional officers be added, and that the number of regular meetings be reduced from six to four per year. See the November twenty-first issue of the BULLETIN for the exact wording.

Below is a tentative list of "Houses of Architectural Interest 1860-1900" selected in Greensburg, to be photographed for the Indiana Historical Society. The Y.M.C.A. Camera Club is cooperating on this project and at this time, has set up an organization of teams to go out and take these pictures. Co-Chairmen are Tom Beeson and Raymond Adams.

1. Frame	Will Espy	304 E. North St.
2. Frame	Ida Goddard	N.E. Corner Broadway and Central
3. Brick	Floyd Barnes	345 E. Main St.
4. Brick	Lovett home	S. Broadway at railroad
5. Frame	E. O. Carney	331 N. Franklin St.
6. Frame	Dowden home	120 W. North St.
7. Brick	Dorothy Doles	303 E. Central Ave.
8. Frame	Sam McDermitt	138 E. First St.
9. Brick	Lester Hermann	413 N. Franklin St.
10. Brick	Chas. Johnston	446 E. Main St.

THE HISTORY CLUB OF SANDCREEK HIGH SCHOOL

R. 5, Greensburg, Indiana

February 24, 1960

Dear Mr. Huber,

The Junior Historical Society of Decatur County has grown considerably since our organization meeting last fall. We now have eighteen members from four different schools in the county.

Our January meeting was held at the Clarksburg School with Mr. Grant Henderson speaking on the Indians of Decatur County.

The next meeting will be held at the Burney School at 7:30 PM, Monday, February 29th. At this time, we will discuss our Spring Pilgrimage.

We would be happy to have any adult members of the County Society attend our meetings.

Sincerely,
Sue Porter, Secretary

- DISTANCES -

Hope	18	Sardinia	18	Moscow	14
Milford	8	Alert	20	St. Paul	10
Hartsville	13	Millhousen	10	St. Omer	10
Newburg	11	Napoleon	12	Ewington	6
Letts Corner	10	Kingston	6	Williamstown	9
Gaynorsville	7	Clarksburg	12	Adams	6
Westport	14	Milroy	12	Harris City	5

(The same today-ed)

THE REVIEW
Feb. 4, 1882

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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DECATUR COUNTY

Vol. 1 - No. 6

Greensburg, Indiana

June 28, 1960

Dear Reader:

In the words of yester-year, I "take my pen in hand to write" of a book that may well cause my book-worm friends to skip a T-V program - or two - or three while he or she "eats" his or her way through a beautifully illustrated (well-it is published by the National Geographic Society - so -) book entitled INDIANS OF THE AMERICAS (North - Central-South). The high protein content of its well-written pages will have a vitamin-pill-effect on your mental appetite. And when you have finished it, I believe that you will have added to your present knowledge of the customs, arts and crafts, religions and governments of America's first settlers.

This book is in our Carnegie Library - a favorite haunt - naturally - of your Cousin Book-Worm.

THE LAST MEETING

Our society is fortunate to have as a member Mr. Robert Montgomery, who spoke to us at the March 4th meeting on GEORGE ROGERS CLARK'S CONQUEST OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY. Mr. Montgomery speaks with ease, is at home with his audience and certainly is at home with his subject. The vivid picture of the hardships and the daring of George Rogers Clark and his small force, together with Mr. Montgomery's analysis of the strategy and summation of the important and far-reaching effects of the campaign, gave the members a much better understanding of this portion of our history.

OCCASION: Regular Meeting
SPEAKER: Mrs. C. E. Loucks
DATE: Wednesday, July 13, 1960
Business - 7:30 PM
Program - 8:00 PM
PLACE: Administration Building,
Greensburg Community
Schools.

Mrs. Loucks is the Corresponding Secretary and a charter member of the Society. She will speak on genealogy, offering for her subject "WHAT'S YOUR FAMILY TREE?" This for Mrs. Loucks will be a "repeat" performance, which indicates that there is something in store for her listeners. A discussion period will be held following Mrs. Loucks' talk.

Please note that the School Administration Bldg. is located at 504 E. Central Ave., across from and North of the new High School. As you enter the door, turn left into the auditorium.

BRING AS MANY GUESTS AS YOU LIKE.
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME.

COMING EVENTS

HOOSIER FESTIVAL - AUG. 14-18
ROBERT MONTGOMERY, DIRECTOR

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL REUNION,
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH.

FALL FIELD TRIP - DECATUR CO.
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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The PRESIDENT notes with a great deal of interest the publicity given recently (not enough however) to the idea of restoring the INDIANAPOLIS & CINCINNATI traction line from Greensburg to Adams as a hobby by the rail fans of the area. There is even more to be said. Here in Greensburg is the potential for a unique tourist attraction—an operating traction line (subsidized of course) coupled with another phase of transportation—that of the steam railroad, one parallel with the other. The Big Four passenger station having been offered for sale, with a lease-back agreement, could, within the limits of our imagination, still serve as the ticket office for the three or four passenger trains yet in operation as well as be the terminal of our traction line, along with being a museum to house momentos and documents of an era that is fast disappearing from the American scene. The classification yard (switching yard to the layman) now nearing completion at Avon, Indiana, will end the day of the switch engine in Greensburg and likewise will mean the retirement of tracks that could very easily tie in with our dream of a state memorial (why not?) or even better a National Monument to Transportation. Greensburg has long been known as a railroad center and with its facilities still somewhat intact, and its personnel (many retired, of course) we have the nucleus of what might be a worth-while enterprise—if you don't measure everything in dollars and cents. Historically speaking nothing has contributed more to our welfare and economic life than the railroad yet nothing has been more neglected than the annals of transportation. ALL ABOARD!

WANTED

Mr. Dennis Martin, a member living at 323 N. Carver St., Greensburg, wishes to buy a player piano and piano rolls, also an Edison cylinder record player. He is a collector, especially interested in mechanical musical instruments of all kinds. Mr. Martin is also a member of our City Police Force.

HENDERSON TO HEAD GROUP ON CIVIL WAR

Grant Henderson, of northeast of Greensburg, was elected chairman of the Decatur County Civil War Centennial commission at a meeting at the city hall Friday night.

Objective of the commission's program will be to emphasize Civil War history in keeping with recommendations of the Indiana Civil War Centennial commission. It is expected that some type of observance will be arranged during the four centennial years from 1961 to 1965.

The other 11 members of the planning commission are: Lloyd Colee, Frank Guilkey, Paul H. Huber, Mrs. Charles A. Kuhn, Mrs. Adaline Loper, Donald Minning, Robert Montgomery, Frank Marlin, Dale Owens, Mrs. Claude F. Wyant and Charles Hessler.

As president of the Decatur County Historical Society, Huber presided at the meeting. Several antique documents of the period were shown.

Special emphasis will be placed in a more complete history of the three regiments from Decatur County which saw active military service. They were: The Seventh Indiana, which participated in the first land engagement in the Civil War at Philippi in West Virginia, the 123rd Indiana regiment and the 37th Indiana regiment.

Information will also be sought in regard to Camp Logan on the outskirts of Greensburg during the early period of the Civil War, according to Henderson.

GREENSBURG DAILY NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. E. C. Stevenson
Mrs. J. David Hogue-Utica, N.Y.
Miss Edith Gallup - Denver, Colo.
Mr. Herbert C. Taylor
Mrs. Herbert C. Taylor
Mr. Harold T. Damsgard, Sheffield, Ala.
Mr. Herbert E. West
Mrs. Herbert E. West

Mrs. Hogue is the former Mildred Robison of Greensburg and her late husband, a native of Vincennes, was a newspaper publisher in Utica. Miss Gallup is the grand-daughter of J. P. Hittle who advanced the money to drill the first gaswell in Greensburg. She left Greensburg in 1890 and practiced optometry until her retirement. Her father, J. H. Gallup, was a jeweler here and kept the Court House clock in repair. Harold T. Damsgard, a native of Chicago, lived in Greensburg for a short time, as the superintendent of the Garland Mill. He contributed the Garland Mill Papers to the society. Mr. Damsgard is a Civil War buff and is the traffic manager for a barge line operating on the Tennessee river.

MORGAN'S RAID

Col. Gavin's splendid regiment which left here at 10:00 o'clock Sunday forenoon, got into a skirmish right suddenly. They left the car at New Point Station on the I & C RR and proceeded cautiously on foot. They overtook the enemy under Basil Duke at Summans and at once pitched into him. We have not learned the details of the fight but Duke took to his heels after a short skirmish in which the Union force lost one man killed. The rebel loss is unknown.

DAILY JOURNAL
Indianapolis
Monday morning
July 13, 1863

CHITWOOD

The M. LOUISA CHITWOOD CLUB on June 9th dedicated a marker to the memory of Maria Louisa Chitwood (1832-1855) early Franklin County poetess, at Mt. Carmel, Indiana. It is interesting to note that Miss Chitwood is buried in South Park cemetery at Greensburg alongside her mother, Mary A. Tucker. Quoting POETS & POETRY OF INDIANA it was said "Miss Mary Louisa Chitwood was next to Sarah T. Bolton, the most widely known of the Indiana poets of her time". Her first poem "THE SNOW" was published at the age of twelve, and her published book of poems reached the third printing. She has been affectionately referred to as "The Little Daughter of the Woods". She lived in the time of Phoebe and Alice Cary and but for her untimely death would have gone to New York to spend a year with the Cary sisters. It was written in 1912 that Miss Chitwood's mother was of a poetic temperament and wrote some verses which were published. Other sources say that the father, Dr. G. R. Chitwood, was a writer and a poet. A catalogue of the now non-existent Mt. Carmel Academy lists Maria Louisa Chitwood and Alfred C. Jenkins late of Decatur County as student-instructors there.

Mr. Virgil Davis, Brookville High School faculty member and Franklin County historian, gave the dedicatory address and as Mrs. Howard Dickson, the president so graciously stated, none could have done better. The tea held afterward in the adjoining Presbyterian Church basement was a pleasant and fitting climax to the occasion. Attending from Decatur County were Mr. and Mrs. Grant Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guilkey, Miss Alice Andrew and Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Huber.

COURT NEWS

The State of Indiana)
vs)
The Dwarf Showman,)
Name Unknon)

J.P. Cost

Affidavit 10
Warrant 25
Subp 25
Judgment 25

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For Passing Counterfeit Money

Warrant issued the 27th day of September 1853 on the Oath of John H. Reed

Returned the same day with the body of the defendent in Custody and plead not guilty and the said John H. Reed did not appear to prosecute the Suit and there was no evidence appeared against him. Therefore it is considered by me that the defendent be discharged.

Abishai Stubbs, Justice

WHAT IS YOUR DECATUR COUNTY I.Q.?

1. Who were the two Decatur County men who came out of the Civil War brigadier generals?
2. What native was a pioneer in X-ray?
3. Locate the following in Greensburg-Dryden Park - Steamboat Landing-Waybright Corner - Camp Logan-Powder House Road-Fiscus Ford-Oklahoma.
4. When was Decatur County last under martial law and what was the reason?
5. What distinction did the following men have in common?
E.C. Lathrop-J.A. Miller-
W.F. Monfort-F.C. Scobey-
D.A. Tucker, Jr.-A.S. Warthin-
B.C. Williams.
6. Who was the first automobile fatality in Decatur County? When?

"Marriage is the cause of all divorces."
CONSTRUCTION DIGEST

MORE POWER TO THEM!

The embattled Daughters of the American Revolution-2,000 strong-convened their 69th Continental Congress in Washington last week with a ringing pledge of allegiance to the Stars and Stripes. Then they set about the business of opposing such Eisenhower programs as foreign aid, disarmament, cultural exchanges with Russia, and a treaty to make Antarctica neutral ice. DAR goals: A return to the gold standard, a firm grip on the Panama Canal.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE
May 2, 1960

THE SOCIETY'S OFFICERS FOR 1960

President-----Paul Huber
1st. Vice-President-Mrs. E.A. Porter
2nd. Vice-President-John E. Parker
Corresponding Secy.-Mrs. Chas. Loucks
Recording Secy.-----Mrs. Edgar Osting
Treasurer-----Mrs. Elias H. Jackson
Editor THE BULLETIN - Paul H. Huber

THE BROOKVILLE ROAD

STATE OF INDIANA

Commissioner's Record 2 Page 216-17

COUNTY OF DECATUR

Date: - September Term, 1832

Recorded:-September 4, 1832

To the Clerk of the Decatur Circuit Court, Greeting:

This is to certify that we, the undersigned Commissioners appoints to view and locate a State Road from Greensburgh in Decatur County, to Brookville in Franklin County and after being duly sworn, according to law, proceeded to view and locate said road agreeably to said act.

In Testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 26th day of May, 1832.

"Recorded Sept. 4th, 1832
Henry H. Talbott, Ck."

Charles Marlin
J. G. Kindall
Asa Davis,
Commissioners

The undersigned being appointed surveyor, by the Commissioners who were authorized by Act of Assembly to locate a State Road from Greensburgh, in Decatur County, to Brookville in Franklin County, State of Indiana. Beg leave to Report, that duly sworn did proceed in company with the above mentioned Commissioners, (to-wit), John G. Kindall, Charles Marlin and Asa Davis, who were also sworn according to law on the 22nd day of May, 1832, at the public square in Greensburg, Decatur County, and running thence due east on a section line and County Road, already located from Greensburg to Brookville to the N.E. corner of Barlow Aldridge's farm 3 1/2 mile from Greensburg having left the said County road a few rods to the left, thence North 50 degrees, East intersecting the County Road again, opposite the house of Robert Ross, Thence with the said County Road a few rods, thence East (leaving the road to the left) 300 poles intersecting the road again, at or near, a place of notoriety on said Road, called the line lick, thence with the Section line called Boman's tract, thence pursuing a course of South 65 E. until that course strikes the head fork of a creek called Bee Camp, Thence down said Creek, (as marked) to the mouth thereof, crossing the main fork of Salt Creek, at an excellent fording. Thence running a course N 46 E up a point following the east ground for a road (as marked) and intersecting the County Road again at the 10 mile tree; thence with said County Road to the County line making a distance of ten miles and 43 poles from Greensburg to said line, thence with said road to when it forks near the plantation of Fitzpatrick. Thence running N 20 E 15 po. to a stake. Thence N 70 E 46 poles to a stake. Thence N 22 E 20 poles to a stake. Thence N 5 E 12 poles to Fitchpattricks fence near his house. Thence east with his lane to the County Road again, near the fording of Main Salt Creek, (being all the way carefully marked). Thence with the said County Road again down the creek to Marlin branch, thence up said branch (as marked) following its meanden to a tree, marked A at the foot of a ridge near its fork thence pursuing a course of N 64 E until it strikes a road (leading from the mouth of the Bull fork of Salt Creek to John Alleys on the walnut fork, thence down said fork to its mouth intersecting a County Road (leading from Brookville up Pipe Creek) at the fording of said Creek. Thence

with said Road to the Mouth of Snail Creek, crossing White Water, at Martin fording, thence with the said County Road down White Water intersecting the State Road, leading from Brookville to Indianapolis near the Sylvia Factory, thence with said State Road to the Public Square in the town of Brookville making the distance of thirty one miles and 70 poles from Greensburgh in Decatur County to Brookville in Franklin County, Indiana. The whole of this route as agreed upon by the Commissioners was carefully marked with a small tomahawk and when the said Road is located on a County Road, already established it is designed to run on said road precisely and when a deviation takes place the mark and blazes are to be followed exactly.

Aug. 17th, 1832

B. Jones

"Recorded 4th of September, 1832."

Note:- Seth Lowe

George W. Hopkins

Edward Tanner, were Commissioners of Decatur County, in 1832.

OLD HOMES 1860-1900

You will recall that the Indiana Historical Society as early as last November asked the local Society to cooperate in furnishing pictures of old homes of Decatur County, having architectural interest, built in the period 1860-1900. These pictures when submitted would lead to a study and eventually a publication devoted to the architectural history of that period. This request was one that could hardly be denied and steps were taken to comply with it. We have only been half-successful as the following figures will indicate.

<u>Township</u>	<u>Number of Homes Listed</u>	<u>Pictures Taken To Date</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
Adams	5	0	0
Clinton	5	0	0
Fugit	17	8	47
Clay	4	0	0
Washington	26	24	92
Salt Creek	8	8	100
Jackson	12	2	17
Sandcreek	20	11	55
Marion	6	0	0
	<u>103</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>51%</u>

We gratefully acknowledge the help of the Greensburg Y.M.C.A. Camera Club as well as that of our members in our achievement so far. It remains however - the job must be completed! Decatur County must not be derelict!

A BOOK COMES HOME

Thanks are due Mrs. Robert Hamilton Steele, of Topeka, Kansas, for remembering the Decatur County Historical Society in giving to the local group recently a splendid copy of the "Illustrated Historical Atlas of Decatur County, Indiana, 1882."

Mrs. Steele, who is a native of Kansas, sends the information that her late husband was the son of Robert B. Steele and Mary Adams. The parents of Mary Adams were Nancy Hamilton who was born in Decatur County in 1826, and Jacob Clendenin Adams. Their marriage took place in Greensburg in 1849 and they lived in Indiana until 1871 when they moved to Topeka, Kansas. They returned to Indiana where Mr. Adams died at Kingston in 1881.

Mr. Adams spent some of his years as a teacher and during his years of farming he was the inventor of the first "two-row corn dropper, covering the seed with a wheel". Others in the Adams family served as missionaries in Korea. Annie Laurie Adams married Dr. William Baird, a missionary, and has been credited with translating the Bible into the Korean language. Rev. James Adams was a missionary in Korea.

In graciously offering this valuable book to our association, Mrs. Steele may be setting a precedent that others would do well to follow. Perhaps others who have records, rosters, letters, programs, and other such matter of historical interest will want to add to our association's collection of documentary material when the material no longer has a place in their home.

GREENSBURG, the county seat of Decatur County, is situated on the west bank of Sandcreek, near the centre of said county, 30 miles west from Brookville, 18 north-west of Versailles, 24 east of Columbus, and 45 south-east of Indianapolis. N. lat. 39.23 W. lon. 8.48. It contains 4 stores, 2 taverns, 2 lawyers, 2 physicians, a number of industrious mechanics of various professions, and about 150 inhabitants. The site of this town is handsome, and the surrounding country delightful.

SALT CREEK. A small stream which rises in the southern part of Rush county, runs an easterly course and empties into the west branch of Whitewater 10 miles above Brookville. Salt springs are found in abundance on this creek, and considerable sums of money have been expended in erecting works; salt has been manufactured, of the best quality, but the business has not been gone into on a large scale. These springs, however, will, in time, be a great advantage to this section of country, and a source of much profit.

THE INDIANA GAZETTEER or
TOPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY 1826

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THE BULLETIN

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DECATUR COUNTY

Vol. 1 - No. 7

Greensburg, Indiana

September 30, 1960

OLD HOMES 1860-1900

Thanks to members of the Y.M.C.A. Camera Club as well as members of the Society, a total of ninety-eight pictures representative of all nine Townships, has been forwarded to the State Society. These pictures of the old homes of the county having architectural appeal and built in the period 1860-1900 are only loaned and it is the hope of the President that when they are returned, the collection might be used to stimulate interest in something that is basic - the home. We have here material for an interesting program.

THE LAST MEETING

People are interesting. Pursuing her favorite subject of genealogy, Mrs. Vida Loucks went on to prove this thesis. From her discussion before the Society on July 13th, we learn that nothing is left to chance in this fascinating field. Her statement that "genealogy enables historians to interpret the present in light of past events" bears out Shakespeare, who so long ago, went even further when he said - "What is Past is Prologue". In our endeavors today we might very well look to the past. Mrs. Loucks, our very able corresponding secretary, always ready and willing to make a contribution, did a splendid performance - this too by popular request. Her subject, "WHAT'S YOUR FAMILY TREE?"

The state organization of the Methodist Church recently sold an acre of ground in St. Maurice that was acquired in 1847.

OCCASION: Annual Field Trip
Sunday Afternoon
October 16, 1960
1:00 P.M. CDST

WHERE: Sandcreek Township

A caravan will leave the home of the President, 323 N. Broadway, Greensburg, promptly at 1:00 P.M., Central Daylight Saving Time, to visit three points of historical interest in Sandcreek Township, with the first stop at Harris City.

There will be commentators at each point and those attending will be asked to participate in the discussions.

The final event of the afternoon will be a Social Hour to be held at Parker's Pond, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Parker. Light refreshments will be served - if you have your cup and saucer.

Parker's Pond is one-half mile West of State Road 3, three-fourths mile North of Horace, in Clay Township.

BRING AS MANY GUESTS AS YOU LIKE!
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!

SUGGESTION

That you R.S.V.P. to the President as to your intentions - who is going - how many extra passengers you could take, etc. He enjoys receiving mail, particularly picture cards!

In the event of rain, the trip will be postponed until the following Sunday.

SONS OF SANDCREEK ARE
ESPECIALLY WELCOME!!!

COURT NEWS

Edward Parimore

Vs

Cincinnati and Indianapolis

Rail Road Comp

Justice fees

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the 20th day of June 1855 one mild and a
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plaintiff having made proof of his complaint
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R S Ward Justice ()

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September 1855 appeal Bond taken with A D -
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that he will pay to the plaintiff the
Judgment and costs that may be awarded against
him

R S Ward Justice

Joel Colson was the agent-ed.

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. E. C. Burkert - Indianapolis
Mr. John H. Batterton
Mr. H. L. Minning
Mr. Henry W. Kluemper-Rock Rapids, Iowa
Mr. Gilbert Platt
Mrs. Elinor T. Platt
Mrs. Bertha Alexander
Mrs. Elbert Richards
Miss Mary K. Emmert
Mrs. John Kuert - South Bend
Mrs. E. C. Jerman
Mrs. R. L. Meek, Sr.
Mrs. Janet Fogg

Mrs. Burkert, formerly Katherine Wheeler of Greensburg, resided in the Seminary, one of our historic spots. Later as an employee of the late Charles Mayer Co. she was regarded as our local representative of that fine old Indianapolis store, now only a tradition.

Harry Minning, a native of New Point and a retired New York Central Ry. conductor, only recently moved from Indianapolis to Greensburg to pursue his hobby of collecting ceramics. Henry Kluemper born in the Mechanicsburg neighborhood, is a successful farmer in Iowa, who has never forgotten his Decatur County ties. Mrs. John Kuert of South Bend, is the daughter of the late Dr. L.W.D. Jerman who practiced medicine in New Point. Dr. Jerman was especially skilled in the treatment of typhoid fever, so prevalent in the early days. Her two brothers were E. C. Jerman, former superintendent of the Greensburg schools, and Ed Jerman, a pioneer in X-Ray.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Frank Guilkey
Mrs. C. F. Wyant
Mr. Grant Henderson

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bertha Alexander
Mrs. Nolan Skinner
Miss Kathryn Taney

REVERE

A roster of the DECATUR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, perhaps incomplete, shows the following to be members of the organization in 1947. Their concern then was the matter of preserving the County Museum and finding a suitable place for storing county records other than in the basement of the Court House. Mr. Charles H. Ewing was to succeed Judge Rolfes as president in 1948. The roster:

Mr. Carl Billings
Mr. Ralph Donnell
Mr. Charles H. Ewing
Mr. Elmer Jerman
Mr. Walter Lowe
Mrs. H. S. McKee
Mrs. Anna Meek
Mrs. O. G. Miller
Mr. O. G. Miller
Miss Edith Patton
Judge Raymond Rolfes
Mr. J. Frank Russell
Mrs. Sam Shirk
Mrs. Louise Stevenson
Mrs. Mary Weaver

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Treasurer-----Mrs. Elias H. Jackson
Editor "THE BULLETIN"---Paul H. Huber

The HOOSIER FESTIVAL held Aug. 14-18 at Clifty Falls State Park under the guidance of Mr. Robert Montgomery as Director was well attended and very successful, our second vice-president reports. Subjects treated were MIGRATIONS, GENEALOGY, FOLKLORE COLLECTING, PIONEER PROFESSIONS, TRANSPORTATION and HOUSES AND FURNISHINGS. Some of the headliners were Margaret Waters, Eugene Bock and John Windle. What an array of talent! Plan to attend next year. Enjoy yourself while you relax.

THE CIVIL WAR

All over the U.S.A. - in the South as well as the North - great preparations are being made to observe the one hundredth anniversary of the Civil War.

For quite some years there has been a vigorous revival of interest in this conflict, with many Civil War Round Tables being organized through the states. One of the earliest and perhaps the most active is in Chicago. It is interesting to note the number of young Civil War Buffs in these organizations.

Many of our best selling novels have a Civil War background, in fact this was the case as far back as World War II. Previously there had been "Gone With the Wind" which is said to be the most popular novel of the 20th Century.

Although it has been almost a hundred years since the first shot was fired, we Americans cannot even agree on a name for our Civil War. Between the States, much less on what caused it. When the fighting started the South referred to it as "War of Independence" and "War of Separation"; however the Confederates who saw action called it "The War" and the North, the "War of Rebellion". The name "Civil War" has taken precedence over all others but the South has never liked it and often refers to the conflict as the "War Between the States" (which was taken from the title of a book written by the Vice-President of the Confederacy) especially in the presence of Yankees, for the sole purpose of argument.

This was a madness that cost a young country more than 600,000 dead men - an American toll larger than World War I and II combined, with the Korean War thrown in.

It gave us Dixie, the South's fight song written by a Yankee, and the North's anthem, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", based on an old Southern Plantation melody. It also gave us the Income Tax, our first draft, a submarine that torpedoed a warship and averaged more than a battle a day for four long years.

It brought graft, scandals and suicides, made millionaires and sent brothers and cousins against each other.

This terrible war has been blamed on slavery, states' rights, the protective tariff, southern treason and many other things, but like its name, we Americans cannot agree.

In the next four years much is going to be heard about this conflict which has been called "The First Modern War" and "The Last Romantic One".

The eighth annual MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL reunion was held September 18th, at the Y.M.C.A. in Greensburg with ninety present. Miss Rosina Kluemper was elected president for the coming year. Next year's meeting was set for the third Sunday in September.

The Mayor of Summerdale, Alabama is a Decatur County boy. Summerdale is twenty miles off the fabulous Gulf Coast.

COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING OF THE DECATUR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER.

SPECIAL!!!!

THE FOOD COMMITTEE FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 16TH DEMANDS THAT EACH MEMBER ATTENDING, NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT (THE SECRETARY IS ON VACATION) BY CARD OR TELEPHONE, BEFORE FRIDAY, OCT. 14TH HOW MANY HE EXPECTS TO HAVE IN HIS PARTY TO BE SERVED AT PARKER'S POND.

One of Nature's Beauty Spots

There are a thousand pleasant homes in Greensburg. All about it are hills and valleys, orchards and forests - "fair as the garden of the Lord". Out to the south the turnpike runs past other homes, under the shade of beech and maple trees, between the fields that never failed the husbandman, bending a little first to the right, then to the left, now in the low lands, then leading you over the hills of delight - that is the road to "the center".

Down past the toll gate where a woman steps from the door just as your horse breasts the bar across the highway - a woman who looks at you mutely till you jingle your coin and force her into speech by the query "How much?" "How far?" is her answer, and she takes your pennies in a weary way and lets you pass. Down past the old quarry where three men were killed one summer day, and where their ghosts still linger about the awful rocks that crushed their bodies; down across the little bridge, over the Bennett Hill - and here is Harris City. Not a real metropolis, you understand; only a little group of houses about another quarry, only a crowded store and a little shop, only a cluster of derrick beams and some waiting cars with loads of limestone. Off to the right when you strike the creek, along its bank till you pass "suspension bridge" - a swinging foot-path from bluff to bluff - around to the left this time with the bottom lands on the one hand and the bulging barns on the other. See the waving banks of red bud and the snowy heaps of buckeye blossoms. See the beds of sweet wood, violets and the tiny cups of harebells. Fleck the rank ferns with the tip of your whip and turn sharp to the right again. Here we leave the creek road and clamber into the steep clay hills. On to the west for a mile or more, then turn to the south and that is the road to "the center".

THE CHICAGO HERALD
MONDAY, MAY 11, 1891

Dear Reader:

Have you ever had a yen to fight some Civil War battles from your own arm-chair? You can, if you will borrow from the Public Library, Glenn Tucker's new book which relates the life of General Winfield Scott Hancock - who became a West Point Cadet because a Congressman saw a beloved horse of his being mistreated by a drayman, who had bought the horse from the friend to whom it had been given, and who had promised green pastures for the last years of the beloved horse's life. What a wriggly, wormy sentence! Read it again, if you were lost before it ended!

This reportorial account of General Hancock's life enables you to be almost an eye-witness to history made by the Army of the Potomac.

And in this election year, you will inevitably contrast today's presidential campaigns with that one of 1880, when the Democratic candidate was the General whom Glenn Tucker calls Hancock the Superb - and that is the title of the book which has been the most recent reading stint of your

Cousin Book-Worm

The Decatur County Civil War Centennial Committee with Mr. Grant Henderson, chairman, presiding, met Sept. 29th for a general discussion of the coming observance of the Centennial. Nine of the committee of twelve were present. Several indicated their intention of attending the Midwest Regional Civil War Centennial Conference to be held in Indianapolis on Oct. 19th. The committee fully approved the plan of the Decatur County Historical Society to have a program devoted to the Civil War for its next annual dinner meeting to be held in late November. This event in reality will be the kick-off for the 1961-1965 Centennial.

It is well to bring the BULLETIN
you to meetings. Try it next time

THE BULLETIN

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DECATUR COUNTY

Vol. 1 - No. 6

Greensburg, Indiana

June 28, 1960

Dear Reader:

In the words of yester-year, I "take my pen in hand to write" of a book that may well cause my book-worm friends to skip a T-V program - or two - or three while he or she "eats" his or her way through a beautifully illustrated (well-it is published by the National Geographic Society - so -) book entitled INDIANS OF THE AMERICAS (North - Central-South). The high protein content of its well-written pages will have a vitamin-pill-effect on your mental appetite. And when you have finished it, I believe that you will have added to your present knowledge of the customs, arts and crafts, religions and governments of America's first settlers.

This book is in our Carnegie Library - a favorite haunt - naturally - of your Cousin Book-Worm.

THE LAST MEETING

Our society is fortunate to have as a member Mr. Robert Montgomery, who spoke to us at the March 4th meeting on GEORGE ROGERS CLARK'S CONQUEST OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY. Mr. Montgomery speaks with ease, is at home with his audience and certainly is at home with his subject. The vivid picture of the hardships and the daring of George Rogers Clark and his small force, together with Mr. Montgomery's analysis of the strategy and summation of the important and far-reaching effects of the campaign, gave the members a much better understanding of this portion of our history.

OCCASION: Regular Meeting
SPEAKER: Mrs. C. E. Loucks
DATE: Wednesday, July 13, 1960
Business - 7:30 PM
Program - 8:00 PM
PLACE: Administration Building,
Greensburg Community
Schools.

Mrs. Loucks is the Corresponding Secretary and a charter member of the Society. She will speak on geneology, offering for her subject "WHAT'S YOUR FAMILY TREE?" This for Mrs. Loucks will be a "repeat" performance, which indicates that there is something in store for her listeners. A discussion period will be held following Mrs. Loucks' talk.

Please note that the School Administration Bldg. is located at 504 E. Central Ave., across from and North of the new High School. As you enter the door, turn left into the auditorium.

BRING AS MANY GUESTS AS YOU LIKE.
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME.

COMING EVENTS

HOOSIER FESTIVAL - AUG. 14-18
ROBERT MONTGOMERY, DIRECTOR

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL REUNION,
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH.

FALL FIELD TRIP - DECATUR CO.
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The I. & C.

The PRESIDENT notes with a great deal of interest the publicity given recently (not enough however) to the idea of restoring the INDIANAPOLIS & CINCINNATI traction line from Greensburg to Adams as a hobby by the rail fans of the area. There is even more to be said. Here in Greensburg is the potential for a unique tourist attraction—an operating traction line (subsidized of course) coupled with another phase of transportation—that of the steam railroad, one parallel with the other. The Big Four passenger station having been offered for sale, with a lease-back agreement, could, within the limits of our imagination, still serve as the ticket office for the three or four passenger trains yet in operation as well as be the terminal of our traction line, along with being a museum to house momentos and documents of an era that is fast disappearing from the American scene. The classification yard (switching yard to the layman) now nearing completion at Avon, Indiana, will end the day of the switch engine in Greensburg and likewise will mean the retirement of tracks that could very easily tie in with our dream of a state memorial (why not?) or even better a National Monument to Transportation. Greensburg has long been known as a railroad center and with its facilities still somewhat intact, and its personnel (many retired, of course) we have the nucleus of what might be a worth-while enterprise—if you don't measure everything in dollars and cents. Historically speaking nothing has contributed more to our welfare and economic life than the railroad yet nothing has been more neglected than the annals of transportation. ALL ABOARD!

WANTED

Mr. Dennis Martin, a member living at 323 N. Carver St., Greensburg, wishes to buy a player piano and piano rolls, also an Edison cylinder record player. He is a collector, especially interested in mechanical musical instruments of all kinds. Mr. Martin is also a member of our City Police Force.

HENDERSON TO HEAD GROUP ON CIVIL WAR

Grant Henderson, of northeast of Greensburg, was elected chairman of the Decatur County Civil War Centennial commission at a meeting at the city hall Friday night.

Objective of the commission's program will be to emphasize Civil War history in keeping with recommendations of the Indiana Civil War Centennial commission. It is expected that some type of observance will be arranged during the four centennial years from 1961 to 1965.

The other 11 members of the planning commission are: Lloyd Colee, Frank Guilkey, Paul H. Huber, Mrs. Charles A. Kuhn, Mrs. Adaline Loper, Donald Minning, Robert Montgomery, Frank Marlin, Dale Owens, Mrs. Claude F. Wyant and Charles Hessler.

As president of the Decatur County Historical Society, Huber presided at the meeting. Several antique documents of the period were shown.

Special emphasis will be placed in a more complete history of the three regiments from Decatur County which saw active military service. They were: The Seventh Indiana, which participated in the first land engagement in the Civil War at Philippi in West Virginia, the 123rd Indiana regiment and the 37th Indiana regiment.

Information will also be sought in regard to Camp Logan on the outskirts of Greensburg during the early period of the Civil War, according to Henderson.

GREENSBURG DAILY NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. E. C. Stevenson
Mrs. J. David Hogue-Utica, N.Y.
Miss Edith Gallup - Denver, Colo.
Mr. Herbert C. Taylor
Mrs. Herbert C. Taylor
Mr. Harold T. Damsgard, Sheffield, Ala.
Mr. Herbert E. West
Mrs. Herbert E. West

Mrs. Hogue is the former Mildred Robison of Greensburg and her late husband, a native of Vincennes, was a newspaper publisher in Utica. Miss Gallup is the grand-daughter of J. P. Hittle, who advanced the money to drill the first gaswell in Greensburg. She left Greensburg in 1890 and practiced optometry until her retirement. Her father, J. H. Gallup, was a jeweler here and kept the Court House clock in repair. Harold T. Damsgard, a native of Chicago, lived in Greensburg for a short time, as the superintendent of the Garland Mill. He contributed the Garland Mill Papers to the society. Mr. Damsgard is a Civil War buff and is the traffic manager for a barge line operating on the Tennessee river.

MORGAN'S RAID

Col. Gavin's splendid regiment which left here at 10:00 o'clock Sunday forenoon, got into a skirmish right suddenly. They left the car at New Point Station on the I & C RR and proceeded cautiously on foot. They overtook the enemy under Basil Duke at Summans and at once pitched into him. We have not learned the details of the fight but Duke took to his heels after a short skirmish in which the Union force lost one man killed. The rebel loss is unknown.

DAILY JOURNAL
Indianapolis
Monday morning
July 13, 1863

CHITWOOD

The M. LOUISA CHITWOOD CLUB on June 9th dedicated a marker to the memory of Maria Louisa Chitwood (1832-1855) early Franklin County poetess, at Mt. Carmel, Indiana. It is interesting to note that Miss Chitwood is buried in South Park cemetery at Greensburg alongside her mother, Mary A. Tucker. Quoting POETS & POETRY OF INDIANA it was said "Miss Mary Louisa Chitwood was next to Sarah T. Bolton, the most widely known of the Indiana poets of her time". Her first poem "THE SNOW" was published at the age of twelve, and her published book of poems reached the third printing. She has been affectionately referred to as "The Little Daughter of the Woods". She lived in the time of Phoebe and Alice Cary and but for her untimely death would have gone to New York to spend a year with the Cary sisters. It was written in 1912 that Miss Chitwood's mother was of a poetic temperament and wrote some verses which were published. Other sources say that the father, Dr. G. R. Chitwood, was a writer and a poet. A catalogue of the now non-existent Mt. Carmel Academy lists Maria Louisa Chitwood and Alfred C. Jenkins late of Decatur County as student-instructors there.

Mr. Virgil Davis, Brookville High School faculty member and Franklin County historian, gave the dedicatory address and as Mrs. Howard Dickson, the president so graciously stated, none could have done better. The tea held afterward in the adjoining Presbyterian Church basement was a pleasant and fitting climax to the occasion. Attending from Decatur County were Mr. and Mrs. Grant Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guilkey, Miss Alice Andrew and Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Huber.

COURT NEWS

The State of Indiana)

vs)

The Dwarf Showman,)
Name Unknown)

J.P. Cost

Affidavit 10

Warrant 25

Subp 25

Judgment 25

Cons cost

For Passing Counterfeit Money

Warrant issued the 27th day of September 1853 on the Oath of John H. Reed

Returned the same day with the body of the defendant in Custody and plead not guilty and the said John H. Reed did not appear to prosecute the Suit and there was no evidence appeared against him. Therefore it is considered by me that the defendant be discharged.

Abisha Stubbs, Justice

WHAT IS YOUR DECATUR COUNTY I.Q.?

1. Who were the two Decatur County men who came out of the Civil War brigadier generals?
2. What native was a pioneer in X-ray?
3. Locate the following in Greensburg-Dryden Park - Steamboat Landing-Waybright Corner - Camp Logan-Powder House Road-Fiscus Ford-Oklahoma.
4. When was Decatur County last under martial law and what was the reason?
5. What distinction did the following men have in common?
E.C. Lathrop-J.A. Miller-
W.F. Monfort-F.C. Scobey-
D.A. Tucker, Jr.-A.S. Warthin-
B.C. Williams.
6. Who was the first automobile fatality in Decatur County? When?

"Marriage is the cause of all divorces."
CONSTRUCTION DIGEST

MORE POWER TO THEM!

The embattled Daughters of the American Revolution-2,000 strong-convened their 69th Continental Congress in Washington last week with a ringing pledge of allegiance to the Stars and Stripes. Then they set about the business of opposing such Eisenhower programs as foreign aid, disarmament, cultural exchanges with Russia, and a treaty to make Antarctica neutral ice. DAR goals: A return to the gold standard, a firm grip on the Panama Canal.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

May 2, 1960

THE SOCIETY'S OFFICERS FOR 1960

President-----Paul Huber
1st. Vice-President-Mrs. E.A. Porter
2nd. Vice-President-John E. Parker
Corresponding Secy.-Mrs. Chas. Loucks
Recording Secy.-----Mrs. Edgar Osting
Treasurer-----Mrs. Elias H. Jackson
Editor THE BULLETIN - Paul H. Huber

THE BROOKVILLE ROAD

STATE OF INDIANA

Commissioner's Record 2 Page 216-17

Date: - September Term, 1832

COUNTY OF DECATUR

Recorded:-September 4, 1832

To the Clerk of the Decatur Circuit Court, Greeting:

This is to certify that we, the undersigned Commissioners appoints to view and locate a State Road from Greensburgh in Decatur County, to Brookville in Franklin County and after being duly sworn, according to law, proceeded to view and locate said road agreeably to said act.

In Testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 26th day of May, 1832.

"Recorded Sept. 4th, 1832
Henry H. Talbott, Ck."

Charles Marlin
J. G. Kindall
Asa Davis,
Commissioners

The undersigned being appointed surveyor, by the Commissioners who were authorized by Act of Assembly to locate a State Road from Greensburgh, in Decatur County, to Brookville in Franklin County, State of Indiana. Beg leave to Report, that duly sworn did proceed in company with the above mentioned Commissioners, (to-wit), John G. Kindall, Charles Marlin and Asa Davis, who were also sworn according to law on the 22nd day of May, 1832, at the public square in Greensburg, Decatur County, and running thence due east on a section line and County Road, already located from Greensburg to Brookville to the N.E. corner of Barlow Aldridge's farm 3 1/2 mile from Greensburg having left the said County road a few rods to the left, thence North 50 degrees, East intersecting the County Road again, opposite the house of Robert Ross, Thence with the said County Road a few rods, thence East (leaving the road to the left) 300 poles intersecting the road again, at or near, a place of notoriety on said Road, called the line lick, thence with the Section line called Boman's tract, thence pursuing a course of South 65 E. until that course strikes the head fork of a creek called Bee Camp, Thence down said Creek, (as marked) to the mouth thereof, crossing the main fork of Salt Creek, at an excellent fording. Thence running a course N 46 E up a point following the east ground for a road (as marked) and intersecting the County Road again at the 10 mile tree; thence with said County Road to the County line making a distance of ten miles and 43 poles from Greensburg to said line, thence with said road to when it forks near the plantation of Fitzpatrick. Thence running N 20 E 15 po. to a stake. Thence N 70 E 46 poles to a stake. Thence N 22 E 20 poles to a stake. Thence N 5 E 12 poles to Fitzpatrick's fence near his house. Thence east with his lane to the County Road again, near the fording of Main Salt Creek, (being all the way carefully marked). Thence with the said County Road again down the creek to Marlin branch, thence up said branch (as marked) following its meander to a tree, marked A at the foot of a ridge near its fork thence pursuing a course of N 64 E until it strikes a road (leading from the mouth of the Bull fork of Salt Creek to John Alleys on the walnut fork, thence down said fork to its mouth intersecting a County Road (leading from Brookville up Pipe Creek) at the fording of said Creek. Thence

with said Road to the Mouth of Snail Creek, crossing White Water, at Martin fording, thence with the said County Road down White Water intersecting the State Road, leading from Brookville to Indianapolis near the Sylvia Factory, thence with said State Road to the Public Square in the town of Brookville making the distance of thirty one miles and 70 poles from Greensburgh in Decatur County to Brookville in Franklin County, Indiana. The whole of this route as agreed upon by the Commissioners was carefully marked with a small tomahawk and when the said Road is located on a County Road, already established it is designed to run on said road precisely and when a deviation takes place the mark and blazes are to be followed exactly.

Aug. 17th, 1832

B. Jones

"Recorded 4th of September, 1832."

Note:- Seth Lowe

George W. Hopkins

Edward Tanner, were Commissioners of Decatur County, in 1832.

OLD HOMES 1860-1900

You will recall that the Indiana Historical Society as early as last November asked the local Society to cooperate in furnishing pictures of old homes of Decatur County, having architectural interest, built in the period 1860-1900. These pictures when submitted would lead to a study and eventually a publication devoted to the architectural history of that period. This request was one that could hardly be denied and steps were taken to comply with it. We have only been half-successful as the following figures will indicate.

<u>Township</u>	<u>Number of Homes Listed</u>	<u>Pictures Taken To Date</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
Adams	5	0	0
Clinton	5	0	0
Fugit	17	8	47
Clay	4	0	0
Washington	26	24	92
Salt Creek	8	8	100
Jackson	12	2	17
Salt Creek	20	11	55
Marion	6	0	0
	<u>103</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>51%</u>

We gratefully acknowledge the help of the Greensburg Y.M.C.A. Camera Club as well as that of our members in our achievement so far. It remains however - the job must be completed! Decatur County must not be derelict!

A BOOK COMES HOME

Thanks are due Mrs. Robert Hamilton Steele, of Topeka, Kansas, for remembering the Decatur County Historical Society in giving to the local group recently a splendid copy of the "Illustrated Historical Atlas of Decatur County, Indiana, 1882."

Mrs. Steele, who is a native of Kansas, sends the information that her late husband was the son of Robert B. Steele and Mary Adams. The parents of Mary Adams were Nancy Hamilton who was born in Decatur County in 1826, and Jacob Clendenin Adams. Their marriage took place in Greensburg in 1849 and they lived in Indiana until 1871 when they moved to Topeka, Kansas. They returned to Indiana where Mr. Adams died at Kingston in 1881.

Mr. Adams spent some of his years as a teacher and during his years of farming he was the inventor of the first "two-row corn dropper, covering the seed with a wheel". Others in the Adams family served as missionaries in Korea. Annie Laurie Adams married Dr. William Baird, a missionary, and has been credited with translating the Bible into the Korean language. Rev. James Adams was a missionary in Korea.

In graciously offering this valuable book to our association, Mrs. Steele may be setting a precedent that others would do well to follow. Perhaps others who have records, rosters, letters, programs, and other such matter of historical interest will want to add to our association's collection of documentary material when the material no longer has a place in their home.

GREENSBURG, the county seat of Decatur County, is situated on the west bank of Sandcreek, near the centre of said county, 30 miles west from Brookville, 18 north-west of Versailles, 24 east of Columbus, and 45 south-east of Indianapolis. N. lat. 39.23 W. lon. 8.48. It contains 4 stores, 2 taverns, 2 lawyers, 2 physicians, a number of industrious mechanics of various professions, and about 150 inhabitants. The site of this town is handsome, and the surrounding country delightful.

SALT CREEK. A small stream which rises in the southern part of Rush county, runs an easterly course and empties into the west branch of Whitewater 10 miles above Brookville. Salt springs are found in abundance on this creek, and considerable sums of money have been expended in erecting works; salt has been manufactured, of the best quality, but the business has not been gone into on a large scale. These springs, however, will, in time, be a great advantage to this section of country, and a source of much profit.

THE INDIANA GAZETTEER or
TOPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY 1826

or,

THE BULLETIN

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DECATUR COUNTY

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Greensburg, Indiana

November 30, 1960

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Society is the recipient of its first gift, this in the amount of one hundred dollars. The donor, a charter member, has shown keen interest in the organization from the start. His statement that his check "will help to preserve things that should be" along with his footnote to "Keep up the good work" is indicative of his feelings. The President notes with pride that there are no strings attached and in keeping with this expression of confidence, promptly deposited the check in a savings account, to earn interest for the years ahead. We hope that this is a beginning. Funds so derived will help us in the lean years that might come. Here too is argument for the Society being incorporated - that it be an entity and be in an even better position to receive gifts and bequests. We salute Mr. Harry Buell, our first LIFE MEMBER!

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Charles A. Hessler
Miss Winifred Armstrong
Mrs. Norman Billieu
Mr. Norman Billieu
Mrs. Glenn Gault
Mr. Glenn Gault
Miss Grace Douglas

The First Minnesota regiment lost 82 per cent of its men (killed, wounded and missing) at Gettysburg.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME FOR DINNER,
FEEL FREE TO ATTEND THE MEETING LATER.
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!

OCCASION: Second annual dinner meeting and election of officers.

SPEAKER: Col. Howard H. Bates
TIME: Saturday, December 10th.
6:30 P.M. Fast Time

PLACE: Presbyterian Church, N.E.
corner of the square,
Greensburg, Indiana.
Entrance on Washington St.

RESERVATIONS

If you have not already been contacted, please call 4-5295 (Mrs. Freeland) or 2-4274 (Mrs. Guthrie) or 3-7773 (Mrs. Huber) by Tuesday, December 6th, if you plan to attend the dinner. Tickets are \$1.50 each.

Col. Howard H. Bates, a native of Indianapolis, enlisted in World War I at the age of sixteen. He served overseas and was honorably discharged as a sergeant. He likewise served in World War II and was retired in 1956, having reached maximum age, as a Lieutenant Colonel. Col. Bates is married, and a graduate of the Indiana University Law School. He is a founder of the Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable and a member of the Indiana Historical Society. Currently he is a coordinator of the law division of Bobbs-Merrill Co. Col. Bates is a fluent speaker and is very much in demand by historical and military organizations. His subject will be - INDIANA IN THE CIVIL WAR. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of Indiana's finest speakers talk on his favorite subject, our Civil War.

Dr. R. J. DEPEW

Dr. R. J. DePew was born in Ky. Feb. 14, 1815. He was the son of Abraham and Mildred Seebree DePew. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving under Col. Richard Johnston, hence the son was named Richard Johnson DePew. At the age of 17 he entered the office of his half brother, Dr. Cornett to study medicine here for four years and later entered medical school in Lexington, Ky., from which place he graduated in 1840. He then came to St. Omer and began the practice of medicine there. On Feb. 15, 1866, he was married to Emma Ely. At this time St. Paul began to grow faster than St. Omer, so Dr. DePew moved his new bride to this place. He practiced medicine here and at St. Omer for 45 years at a time when the country was rough and the roads even rougher, if what was in use then, could be called roads. The curing of sickness seemed to be of greater consequence to him than collecting his bills and he never kept books. Sometimes a patient would come in to settle and the doctor would be unable to produce a statement. At such times he would say, "Well you name the amount you think it should be and I'll do the same and then we'll split the difference."

After his retirement, he lived quietly in his home in St. Paul and a short time before his death, moved to Indianapolis where he died Feb. 11, 1897.

A very ornate memorial has been erected to this man in University Park in Indianapolis, though why in Indianapolis instead of St. Paul, I cannot say. It seems to me that such a man would rather be remembered in a community that asks why his memorial was not put up rather than in one that asks why it was put up.

HISTORY OF ST. PAUL, INDIANA
by Bill Hurst.

EARLY BIRDS

We repeat. The early birds of this organization come in the Fall. They are the members who pay their 1961 membership fee early and in advance. These nice birds do not require the membership committee to spend their time, plus stationary to say nothing of four to eight cents postage to get them back in the fold and in good standing. Rare birds-these early birds. They are to date:

Mrs. Dorothy Doles
Mrs. Glenn Gilchrist
Mrs. R. R. Powell
Mrs. Marjorie Jolliff
Mr. Paul Jolliff
Miss Mary E. Thomson
Mrs. Florine S. Eckel

THE DECATUR NEWS

June 7, 1882

The telephone line was completed to Clarksburg Monday night and opened for business Tuesday morning. To live in a day that nothing appears to be wonderful, is wonderful in itself. We recognized our sister's voice, twelve miles away as readily and as unmistakably as if she had been by our side. The first message over the line was received at the NEWS office and is as follows:

Clarksburg
June 12, 1882
9:30 P.M.

Citizens of Clarksburg send greetings to the citizens of Greensburg and are now convinced that Greensburg can never become much of a city as Clarksburg is so near and yet so far!

Jake Emmert
Ben Russell,
Operator

Dear Reader:

May I stretch the field of interest of our Historical Society and recommend, for winter reading, a book on whose title page are these words: "A history of the rose in art, religion, legend, romance, poetry, prose, and symbolism". Years of study and research by Jean Gordon have flowered in PAGEANT OF THE ROSE - the fascinating story of the flower that has been so loved through the centuries by men and women of all nations, that its image and its name have graced many fields of art and learning. Beautifully and generously illustrated - it is in our Carnegie Library, and -

I hope that you will
enjoy it as much as did
your rose-lovin'
Cousin Book-Worm.

OUR POLICY

If a member is enrolled on or after July first, he automatically becomes a member for this and the following year. (An incident prompted this decision.) It is also our policy - once a member, always a member. He may not be in good standing - but he is always a member. The following, latecomers that they are, are paid up for 1961:

Mrs. Bertha Alexander
Miss Winifred Armstrong
Mr. John Batterton
Mrs. E. C. Burkert
Mrs. Norman Billieu
Mr. Norman Billieu
Miss Mary K. Emmert
Mrs. Janet Fogg
Mrs. Glenn Gault
Mr. Glenn Gault
Mr. Charles A. Hessler
Mrs. E. C. Jerman
Mrs. John Kuert
Mr. Henry W. Kluemper
Mrs. R. L. Meek, Sr.
Mr. H. L. Minning
Mrs. Elinor T. Platt
Mr. Gilbert Platt
Mrs. Elbert Richards

A SUGGESTION

Looking for that unusual, inexpensive and sure-to-please Christmas gift? Have you thought of a gift membership in the Historical Society of Decatur County? A year's membership costs only one dollar - and might be just the right solution to your problem.

General George Custer was the last man in his class at West Point, but he later outranked the other 33 when he was promoted to Major General of Volunteers in 1865.

OLD SETTLERS

The Old Settlers of Decatur Co.
Will Hold Their
Ninth Annual Reunion
AUGUST 22, 23, 24 and 25

NEAR WESTPORT

in the same grove where is has been formerly held. Men of national fame will be present and entertain the people with their oratory. Farmers and stock men are requested to be present with their exhibits, and liberal premiums will be awarded. There will also be automobile, bicycle and horse racing and other attractions.

Take your tents, hammocks and other conveniences and stay all week.

RATES ON ALL RAILROADS

NO ADMISSION FEES

ZACK BOICOURT, Manager

Courier-Independent Job Print

This was in 1905. Carrie
Nation was the headliner-Ed.

THE LAST MEETING

A pleasant day, a group with kindred interests, and the warm hospitality of the Parkers at the end of the trail, made the history tour of Sandcreek Township on Sunday, October 16th, a memorable event.

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And the comfort and the kindness
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IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME FOR DINNER,
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OCCASION: Second annual dinner meeting and election of officers.

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Dr. R. J. DEPEW

Dr. R. J. DePew was born in Ky. Feb. 14, 1815. He was the son of Abraham and Mildred Sebree DePew. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving under Col. Richard Johnston, hence the son was named Richard Johnson DePew. At the age of 17 he entered the office of his half brother, Dr. Cornett to study medicine here for four years and later entered medical school in Lexington, Ky., from which place he graduated in 1840. He then came to St. Omer and began the practice of medicine there. On Feb. 15, 1866, he was married to Emma Ely. At this time St. Paul began to grow faster than St. Omer, so Dr. DePew moved his new bride to this place. He practiced medicine here and at St. Omer for 45 years at a time when the country was rough and the roads even rougher, if what was in use then, could be called roads. The curing of sickness seemed to be of greater consequence to him than collecting his bills and he never kept books. Sometimes a patient would come in to settle and the doctor would be unable to produce a statement. At such times he would say, "Well you name the amount you think it should be and I'll do the same and then we'll split the difference."

After his retirement, he lived quietly in his home in St. Paul and a short time before his death, moved to Indianapolis where he died Feb. 11, 1897.

A very ornate memorial has been erected to this man in University Park in Indianapolis, though why in Indianapolis instead of St. Paul, I cannot say. It seems to me that such a man would rather be remembered in a community that asks why his memorial was not put up rather than in one that asks why it was put up.

HISTORY OF ST. PAUL, INDIANA
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THE DECATUR NEWS

June 7, 1882

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Clarksburg
June 12, 1882
9:30 P.M.

Citizens of Clarksburg send greetings to the citizens of Greensburg and are now convinced that Greensburg can never become much of a city as Clarksburg is so near and yet so far!

Jake Emmert
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Dear Reader:

May I stretch the field of interest of our Historical Society and recommend, for winter reading, a book on whose title page are these words: "A history of the rose in art, religion, legend, romance, poetry, prose, and symbolism". Years of study and research by Jean Gordon have flowered in PAGEANT OF THE ROSE - the fascinating story of the flower that has been so loved through the centuries by men and women of all nations, that its image and its name have graced many fields of art and learning. Beautifully and generously illustrated - it is in our Carnegie Library, and -

I hope that you will
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